



THE RICOCHET

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Range News

Where has the summer gone? The days are getting shorter and the morning air is a little crisp, which means winter is just around the corner. With the coming of winter comes the hunting of wild game. With the hunting of wild game comes the sighting-in of rifles.

Shooters are starting to flock to the range. With this mass convergence to the range comes waiting lists and patience testing. Shooters who visit the range in the next few weeks will probably wait in line. This time of year hunters who have not picked up their firearms since last year will head to the range. Shooters who have visited the range before this time of year know what to expect.

Shooters need to be prepared when they visit the range. A little preparation will expedite the process and move shooters in and out of the range smoothly. Preparation such as bore sighting, reading the safe operation of your firearm manual, bringing a spotting scope, and bringing manufacturer recommended ammunition will make the range safer and allow us to move shooters through faster.

Everyone is welcome at the range. The Lake City Staff is here to help make your experience to the range safe and enjoyable. Safe shooting!

Firing Line

At last, with the changing of Fall leaves comes the time that all true hunters wait for every year, Deer season.

Throughout this past summer, we at the range have been writing in the newsletter, *Ricochet*, about what you need to do to sight in your firearm before that special time a year arrives. Now that Lake City Range has shifted and kicked it into high gear we see many of the shooters putting that information that was in the *Ricochet* to practice. We would now like to expand on a couple of other things we have noted in the past several weeks. When you come to the range and plan on shooting in excess of 50 meters, you will need a good pair of binoculars or spotting scope. There is no way to tell where your shots are hitting on the new darker green targets we now provide you. Even using the scope on your rifle, it is still very difficult to see the bullet holes.

Second, if your sightings in your rifle chances are you might need some tools to make any adjustments. So make sure you have screw drivers, Allen wrenches, knife, ball puller or any other specific tools that your firearm requires. Some of the situations we are encountering are with the Muzzle loader folks. Make sure you have nipple wrench, sight alignment tool or any other special tool the firearm requires if a situation arises and causes the firearm not to fire. Always remember a cleaning

rod can be a life saver not only on the range, but in the field.

We hope these recommendations on additional items that you need at the range helps you have a more enjoyable day at the range, and not a day where you leave before your firearm is sighted in.

National Hunting And Fishing Day

For those of you who were not able to attend National Hunting and Fishing Day was a huge success. A large number of people showed up for a day of fun at the James Reed Area.

Exhibitors, such as the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, NRA, NWTF, Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, and many more showed up to fill attendees up on information and free merchandise.

The day was filled with events such as kids fishing clinic, archery, dog training, 5-stand shotgun shooting, and a turkey shoot. Food and beverages were provided. If you missed out this year don't worry, the event will be held again next year in September.

Safety Corner

Shooters, recently we have seen a few patrons come to the range to sight in their rifles with the wrong ammunition. There is a recommended load for each firearm and it is clearly written in your safe operation of your owner's manual. If you did not purchase your firearm new then you may not have the guide. If you do not have the guide you can call the manufacturer and receive another.

Knowing the ammunition recommendation for your firearm is part of knowing your firearm. The Lake City staff will assist you in anyway we can just come by or give us a call (816)229-4448.

Parma Woods Update

Parma Woods Training Center and Shooting Range are still under reconstruction. The staff at Parma Woods, as well as, our own design and development division is working long days to try to get the range operational.

The completion date is still undetermined, but they are planning to be open again prior to deer season. While the range is being rebuilt we look forward to seeing some old faces and guns back at the Lake City Range.

Product Warning: Winchester

Olin Corporation has recalled five lots of its Wildcat .22 Long Rifle High Velocity rim fire ammunition (symbol number WW22LR). Lot numbers: 3RA42L, 1RH71L, 1RH81L, 2RH81L, and 3RH81L. Through research Winchester has determined that the above lot numbers may contain double powder charges. Double powder charges could cause firearm damage, rendering the firearm inoperable and subject the shooter to a risk of personal injury.

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A recent study by the International Hunter Education Association found that a percentage of hunters using elevated tree stands has experienced an accident in the last ten years. **What percentage of hunters experienced an accident in the past ten years?**

Those that submit the right answer will have their names put in a drawing for a chance to win a prize. **Answers must be submitted to the range by October 31st. Three winners will be chosen.**

Range Hours

Sept. 19, 2002 to Oct. 15, 2002
Noon- 4:30pm Thursday-Sunday

Oct. 16, 2002 to Nov. 15, 2002
10:00-4:30pm Wednesday-Sun.

Monday-Wednesday we are still available for group use by prior arrangements on a first come first serve basis. There is currently about a two week advance notice needed to get on the schedule. Shooting opportunities are limited in this area and we fill up quickly. Call the Range at (816)229-4448 to arrange for your group times.

Range Staff

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Calendar of Events

- October 1** First day of archery deer season in Missouri.
- October 5** Trap Shooting Class at the Lake City Shooting Range. Call (816) 228-3766 to register.
- October 12** Hunter Education at the Lake City Range. Call (816)655-6250 to register.
- October 16** Deer Season Hours begin at the Lake City Range.
- October 30** Deer Hunting seminar at Lake City Shooting Range. Call (816) 229-4448 to register.
- November 9** Hunter Education at the Lake City Range. Call (816) 229-4448 to register.
- November 15** Deer Season Hours end at the Lake City Range.
- November 16** Missouri Rifle Deer Season begins.